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by the *Hindu*, has been great and I am sure the editor and the proprietors of the *Hindu* and the *Madras Mail* deserve our thanks for the timely way in which they have stepped in to organize help to the afflicted people of Bihar. I also make a personal appeal to you, Mr. President, to see whether we cannot do anything more than expressing our sincere sympathy and raise a fund towards helping the people of Bihar. Only yesterday the Governor of Bihar issued an appeal and stated in what way the loss of life and property has been great. He estimates the loss to the Province in crores of rupees. It is impossible, as things stand to-day, for merely official agencies to repair the great loss and unless the people who have got money and can afford to help the afflicted people come forward, I am sure the difficulties of Bihar will be greater than they are to-day. I hope that not only this Council will pass this resolution, but with your help, Mr. President, Members will try to contribute their share towards relieving the distress in Bihar."

* The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I beg to second the motion and I am sure that the public of this Presidency will rise equal to the occasion by giving liberal contributions to the fund that has been opened in this connexion."

The resolution was put and carried unanimously.

III.—RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATION TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR GEORGE STANLEY ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS ACTING VICEROY AND GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

* Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" Mr. President, the resolution that I am about to move is a formal one congratulating His Excellency Sir George Stanley on his appointment as Acting Viceroy and Governor-General of India. The resolution runs thus:

> '*this Council most respectfully congratulates His Excellency Sir George Stanley on his appointment as Acting Viceroy and Governor-General of India.*'

" Sir, if I state that a person who is not known for co-operation with the Government, whose name I am not free to divulge, wrote to me when this appointment was announced that he was pleased that His Excellency was appointed as Acting Viceroy, because he was always fascinated by his straightness, we can understand in what esteem His Excellency is held in the Province. That is indeed a good test of opinion. Whatever may be the difference of opinion we may have had with His Excellency the Governor, I am sure everybody will admit that he has done everything according to his conscience and is helping forward the progress of this Province in the sphere of self-Government and the attainment of Swaraj. We are indeed gratified to note that it has been given to him, before he lays down his high office, to act as Viceroy and Governor-General of India and may I say that I am voicing the opinion of the whole Presidency when I say that we are delighted on his appointment as Viceroy. I hope that during such

time he will occupy that exalted office, he will do everything that he can to help forward the progress of not only this Presidency but also of the whole country."

* The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN :—" Sir, it gives me the greatest pleasure to second this resolution. In offering our respectful felicitations to His Excellency Sir George Stanley on his appointment as acting Viceroy, I have great pleasure in associating the Government of Madras with this resolution and it is but right that this Legislative Council, in the practical working of which His Excellency has been taking such a deep interest, should pass such a resolution."

* Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" I beg to associate myself heartily with the sentiments that have been expressed by the previous speakers on this motion. As one who has moved intimately with His Excellency, I may say that the position which has been conferred upon him is a well-deserved one. I may also say that in whatever he has done for the people of this Province, he has always been actuated by the best of motives. I have no doubt that during his term of acting Viceroyalty he will do everything that lies in his power to advance India as a whole towards Constitutional Reforms."

* The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" In the absence of the hon. the Chief Minister, I have great pleasure in associating myself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers. I may say that His Excellency's appointment as Acting Viceroy has been well received by the public and I am sure that during his short term of office he will do a great deal towards the advancement of this country and Madras in particular. With these few words I once more associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers."

The resolution was put and carried unanimously.

IV.—RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATION TO THE HON. SIR MAHOMED USMAN ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS ACTING GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

* Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I beg to move the resolution that stands in my name thus—

'*this Council congratulates the hon. Sir Mahomed Usman on his appointment as Acting Governor of Madras.*'

" I think, Mr. President, few words are needed from me to commend this resolution to the House. The House has been associated with Sir Mahomed for the last three and a half years as its Leader and before that as a Member of the Executive Council. Whatever might have been the difference of opinion between us and the hon. Sir Mahomed Usman, everybody will admit that he has always been noted for his courtesy and consideration. I am sure no one on any occasion has gone out of this House with a feeling of resentment against him and I may say that Sir Mahomed Usman has done all that he can to make the hon. Members of the House feel that he does everything in the light of his conscience. I am sure the whole Presidency